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▶ Dylan Phillips greets visitors at the Fear the Darkness Haunted House at Alderney Landing last night.

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A not-so-friendly welcome

More than 200 volunteers helped out with creating the haunted house, which attracted hundreds of visitors over the last couple of weeks.

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Two more charged in teen's death

Pair from Eastern Passage join 18-year-old Amanda Greene in being accused of killing Dillon Jewett ◗ Kyle and Steven Gowen will appear at Truro provincial court tomorrow ◗ All three are being held in jail



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Police believe more than one person is responsible for murdering Dillon Blair Jewett.

Just after noontime yesterday, the RCMP announced two more first-degree murder charges in the killing of Jewett, an 18-year-old Dartmouth man found shot to death near the East Uniacke Quarry Oct. 3.

Police arrested Kyle Brian Gowen, 22, and Steven Shaun Gowen, 21, both of Eastern Passage, on Saturday morning. They were each charged with first-degree murder yesterday after being questioned by investigators.

Amanda Allison Greene, an 18-year-old from Eastern Passage, was charged with first-degree murder in relation to Jewett's death last week.

RCMP spokeswoman Sgt. Brigdit Leger said there are no further arrests coming.

"The investigators believe, based on the information gathered, that the individuals responsible for Dillon's death are before the courts," she said.

"With the arrest of Kyle and Steven Gowen, we believe all individuals who are responsible for the death of Dillon are now before the courts."
RCMP SPOKESWOMAN SGT. BRIGDIT LEGER

As with the arrest of Greene, police are being tight-lipped about details of the case, including the relationship between the victim, Greene, and Kyle and Steven Gowen, who are reportedly brothers.

Police arrested Steven Gowen at a residence in Eastern Passage. Kyle Gowen was taken into custody at the Irving Mainway gas station in Eastern Passage, the same place Greene was arrested the previous weekend.

A manager at the gas station refused comment when contacted by Metro yesterday.

On Greene's Facebook page, she and Jewett are described by another user as first loves. Greene, a first-year Dalhousie University student, is now in a relationship with Kyle, CTV is reporting.

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Baillie vows to balance books

Third-place Progressive Conservatives install unopposed Baillie as leader Convention held to rile up base, aim at electoral gains in 2013



▶ Jamie Baillie speaks with reporters earlier this year.

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Newly minted Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie says if elected premier of Nova Scotia, he'd commit to rolling back the NDP's two-percentage-point HST increase.

But he says he'd only do so after balancing the books — and the specifics of just how to do that remain vague.

"We have to balance the budget first. It would not be responsible to do anything other than that," he told reporters after being officially made PC leader on Saturday.

"Balanced budget first, lower taxes second."

Baillie said with the next general election still 2½ years away, he needs to figure out how exactly to accomplish this goal. He did say, however, there is only one way he knows to balance a budget.

"And that is to do the hard work of going line by line, department by department, agency by agency, pinching every penny," he said.

The government is currently asking the health, education and community services departments to cut spending by five per cent, and all other departments to cut spending by 10 per cent.

Deputy Premier Frank Corbett said cutting spending doesn't necessarily mean cutting service or jobs, but rather streamlining resources and reducing waste, a sentiment echoed by Baillie on Saturday.

Attendance

According to event organizers, approximately 600 registered delegates took part in the two-day Tory convention in Halifax.

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▶ Justice Minister Ross Landry

Decision on jail location coming this morning?

Justice Minister Ross Landry will make an "infrastructure announcement" this morning in Thorburn, Pictou Co., a small community just outside of Stellarton.

The announcement will take place at the Thorburn Fire Hall at 11 a.m.

No details on the content of the announcement were being released yesterday.

But Landry hinted on Oct. 21 a decision on the location of the province's new 100-cell dual-capacity prison would likely be made soon after last Tuesday's byelection in Cumberland-South.

The prison was likely a contributing factor to the Progressive Conservatives' decisive victory in that byelection, with residents in Springhill still upset at the NDP for repealing the previous Tory government's decision to locate the prison in Cumberland County.

The facility's location had been narrowed down to three sites, all of which underwent an environmental assessment earlier this year.

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▶ A cyclist rides on South Park Street in this file photo.

HRM staff urge council to get on bikes

Staff asking council to OK cycling corridor to connect South and North Ends, eventually Bedford

Municipal staff want to move forward with plans to connect bike lanes in the south end of the city to the north end.

A staff report to be delivered to Halifax regional council tomorrow recommends creating a "Cross Town Connector" bike corridor extending from one end of peninsular Halifax to the other. If council gives them the go-ahead, staff would begin an analysis and consultation process, with aims of completing the corridor by the winter of 2011. According to the report, staff and budgetary constraints have led to a "fragmented on-street bicycle network" that has resulted in less people using active transportation in the city than possible. And so, in keeping with council's goals, a unified corridor should be a priority.

The issue has come before council before. In March, the Halifax Cycling Coalition presented a petition to council advocating the corridor's creation.

They also proposed a route extending from the Fairview overpass to Atlantic Street.

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Challenges

- While staff seem to highly recommend the creation of the cycling corridor, its implementation is not without challenges — including the question of on-street parking.
- If given the green light by council, staff would undertake an analysis of where on-street parking could be removed or relocated to accommodate the bike corridor, and what routes the corridor could take to avoid on-street parking.

Access commissioner wants more resources

More than 30 years after Nova Scotia became the first province in Canada to introduce freedom of information legislation, the woman who oversees the system says she doesn't have the resources she needs and the backlog of complaints is piling up.

But Dulcie McCallum, the province's freedom of information and protection of privacy officer, says Nova Scotia is not the only province facing a bulging caseload, overworked staff and frustrated citizens forced to wait months, sometimes years, before their grievances are settled.

"I've been in this job three years and ... I've repeatedly asked for more resources and they aren't provided," says McCallum, a lawyer and former ombudsman in British Columbia.

"In other jurisdictions, there are similar struggles ... We just don't have enough people working here to manage things in a timely way for some ... All my colleagues are bemoaning this."

In 2009-10, McCallum's office closed 110 complaint files through informal channels, a process that took an average of 231 days to complete.

Another 13 files were handled through a formal review process, which took an average of 492 days — or almost 18 months — to complete.

Aside from McCallum, there are only four people in her office and her budget has been cut twice since she started the job.

"We are one of the most under-resourced (freedom of information and protection of privacy) offices in Canada," she says, noting the province's NDP government rejected her request for an additional staff member last year.

"I'm not an accountant, I'm a lawyer, but I think we're going in the wrong direction."

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Saskatchewan

- In Saskatchewan, information and privacy commissioner Gary Dickson says the backlog is worse in his province, where three investigators are handling 300 open files, a caseload that increased 62 per cent in the last year alone.

Gunshot brings charges

A 51-year-old man is facing charges for allegedly firing a gun into the air from his own backyard. Halifax Regional Police say they responded to a report of a gunshot around MacRae Avenue and Gaston Road in Dartmouth around 2:15 a.m. Police say they were told the man was emotionally distraught and in his backyard. When officers arrived, police say the man in question was arrested without incident. A firearm was also seized, police say.

The man is facing various weapons-related charges and is due in court today. METRO

Man stabbed in fight

A 17-year-old youth is facing charges of aggravated assault and possession of a weapon after police say a fight between two people ended up with someone being stabbed.

A report came in of two males fighting in the 3100 block of Romans Avenue at 11:15 p.m. on Friday with police arriving to find a 19-year-old male suffering from a stab wound to his abdomen.

The victim suffered serious, but non-life threatening injuries. The 17-year-old was arrested and police say a weapon was seized.

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Halloween mask used in robbery

Police say they're looking for a suspect in a Halloween armed robbery of a convenience store.

Police were called to the store on Pleasant Street in Dartmouth last night, where someone in a Halloween-style scream mask held a knife at the clerk.

The suspect fled on foot with some cash and cigarettes.

Police say there were no injuries. The suspect is described as a white male wearing a blue hoodie, yellow work boots and baggy jeans.

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▶ Downtown Halifax is seen from Fenwick Tower in this file photo.

Worries arise over council belt tightening

Business associations have some concerns over funding arrangements for shared projects

Seven of the municipality's neighbourhood business commissions and associations will give presentations to Halifax regional council tomorrow night.

While the presentations will mainly be focused on letting council know who they are and what they do, there are also some concerns about funding cuts to shared projects between HRM and the associations.

"There are some program-specific funding that we've received over the last number of years, and that was scaled back this past year," said Paul MacKinnon of the Downtown Halifax Business Commission.

"The best example is hanging baskets. That program is in jeopardy because of the scaling back of that money. That was something that we all did ... and now, in light of having our money clawed back, we're looking at whether we even can have them again next year."

PAUL MACKINNON, DHBC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

According to MacKinnon, while DHBC depends on its members for the majority of its funding, some projects, such as hanging flower baskets downtown, are cost-shared with the municipality.

And while he acknowledges the municipality is facing tough financial times that require departments to tighten their belts, MacKinnon is concerned that scaling back these projects will be detrimental overall.

"When HRM is cutting $1 out of their own budget, they're in fact cutting $2 out of a project that can benefit the whole community," he said.

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EDUCATION FUNDING

NDP warns of school cuts: Report

The Nova Scotia government is telling school boards across the province to prepare for a possible $196 million in budget cuts over the next three years, according to a CBC report.

The CBC says the figures are contained in an Education Department planning document that was given to school board officials last month.

The news report says the total includes boards absorbing $20 million a year in cost pressures such as higher electricity, fuel and labour costs.

Education Minister Marilyn More told the CBC the boards have to understand the financial pressures the province faces.

More also said no details have been finalized.

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Rail subsidy irks mayor

The mayor of Yarmouth says the Nova Scotia government seems to be favouring one part of the province over the other with its subsidy to a money-losing railway.

The province is extending a subsidy for the Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Railway. Yarmouth Mayor Phil Mooney says the scrapped Cat ferry service in his town should receive the same consideration.

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Reservist to be tried again in fatal shooting

A Nova Scotia reservist who successfully appealed his conviction in the shooting death of a fellow soldier in Afghanistan in 2007 will face a new court martial.

The Defence Department says Matthew Wilcox, who was a corporal, will face the same charges of manslaughter, criminal negligence causing death and negligent performance of military duty.

No date or place has been set for the new trial. He will be tried by a military judge and a panel of five members of the Canadian Forces.

Wilcox, who is from Glace Bay, won an appeal of his earlier conviction at the Court Martial Appeal Court after his lawyers complained that the makeup of the military jury was unfair at his trial in Sydney.

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▶ Matthew Wilcox

Wilcox was found guilty of criminal negligence causing the death of Cpl. Kevin Megeney, 25, of Stellarton and negligent performance of a military duty on July 30, 2009.

Wilcox was found not guilty of the most serious charge of manslaughter.

Military judge Cmdr. Peter Lamont sentenced him to four years in prison and kicked him out of the military.

Wilcox has been living with his parents in Glace Bay under court-imposed conditions since December when he was released from prison pending appeal.

During his court martial the prosecution put forward the theory that Wilcox and Megeney were playing a game of "quick draw" in their tent when Wilcox's loaded pistol accidentally fired, hitting Megeney in the chest.

The defence claimed it was a case of self-defence.

Wilcox testified he shot "instinctively" against an unknown threat that was pointing a gun at his back inside the tent.

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$50M lotto win could be B.C.'s biggest

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When Sunil Arora awoke Saturday morning, the last thing he expected to do was validate a $50-million lotto ticket.

The Lotto Max win, which has yet to be officially confirmed by the B.C. Lotto Corporation, stands to be the biggest lottery win in B.C.'s history.

Arora, a soft-spoken cashier, has been working at a Kitsilano Mac's store for nearly two years. Up until now, the largest win he's seen was $2,000.

"It was unbelievable," said Arora, recalling the moment he checked the winning ticket. "I couldn't believe (my eyes), it was fantastic."

The winner, a store regular, came in and checked the ticket at a self-scanner just after noon, but refused to believe the display, said Arora.

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▶ Sunil Arora works at the B.C. Mac's where the winning ticket was sold and validated.

The ticket, a quick pick, matched seven out of seven winning numbers.

The previous largest lottery win in B.C. was $25 million. It was won earlier this year by a Surrey couple.

Group calls for milk banks in Canada

In a move that would help feed sick and premature infants, the Canadian Paediatric Society is calling for breast milk banks to be built across the country.

The banks would freeze and distribute pasteurized mother's milk as a healthier alternative to formula.

The group is currently in negotiations with the Ontario Health Ministry to fund the project. Unger says a final price tag has not been determined, but that it would be a multi-million-dollar venture.

Ontario hospitals currently import what milk they do use from an Ohio bank. Donor mothers must undergo the same testing as people who give blood. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

11 There are currently 11 milk banks in North America, but only one in Canada. Located in Vancouver, it only supplies that city's demands.



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Storm chasers

Today's photo of the day is by Canadian Douglas and was submitted in the Everyday Travel category. The photo is titled: Prairie Storm. Enter your photos today and view more pictures at metrophotochallenge.ca.

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Driver's licence fraud revealed

Almost 100 Ontarians have unknowingly had their addresses changed on their driver's licences and are possible victims of identity theft, says the province's privacy commissioner, warning there may be more victims of this kind of fraud.

An internal investigation is ongoing and security measures have been tightened up, a ministry spokesman said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cases

- So far, the ministry has uncovered 93 cases of fraudulent address changes, and another two suspicious cases, according to a report.

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▶ U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton shares a laugh with a group of girls from the U.S.-funded Siem Reap Center, a shelter run by AFSEIP that provides rehabilitation, vocational training, and social reintegration for sex trafficking victims, yesterday in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Clinton promised them continued U.S. support to improve their lives.

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'You motivate me,' Clinton tells victims

More weapons used by border guards: Report

Annual use-of-force report says guards are pulling their guns from their holsters about three times a month

The number of clashes at Canada's borders rose again last year as more officers pulled their guns and swung their truncheons to deal with troublesome travellers.

So-called use-of-force incidents are up 170 per cent in just four years — and more border officers are needed to respond to each problem, says an internal report.

The actual number of incidents — 137 in the fiscal year that ended on March 31 — is a fraction of the 80 million people processed at border points over the period.

In Canada

- Most of the clashes happened in the agency's Pacific region, with 47 incidents last year, followed by Quebec with 20. Spokeswoman Sabrina Mehes declined to comment on the regional numbers.

But critics have said with more and more guards carrying sidearms, it may only be a matter of time before a handgun is discharged to end a violent episode.

So far, just one bullet has been deliberately fired in the line of duty since July 2007, when officers first began packing guns. The shot was to put down an injured moose on a British Columbia highway last summer.

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Sex abuse victims blocked

Italian paramilitary police blocked a boulevard leading to the Vatican to prevent a march in Rome yesterday by survivors of clergy sex abuse from reaching St. Peter's Square.

When Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi came to speak with organizers yesterday evening, a protester shouted "Shame, shame" in Italian, and Lombardi left, escorted by police.

After that, one of the organizers, Gary Bergeron, did meet briefly with Lombardi and the two agreed to meet last night after the end of the protest.

The event, which aims to show survivors worldwide they are not alone — is being organized by Bergeron and another Boston man, Bernie McDaid, who were abused by the same priest starting in the sixth grade.

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India search on hold

The Indian navy, coast guard and police suspended their search yesterday for dozens missing after a boat crowded with Muslim pilgrims capsized near the Bay of Bengal, killing at least 25, police said. The search will resume with helicopters and divers scouring the mouth of the Hooghly River, Parganas district police Chief Laxmi Narayan Meena said.

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▶ Muhammad Yunus

Grameen in Canada?

Grameen America branches in New York City, Omaha ◐ Bank could help newcomers with limited credit access ◐ Regulations may stand in the way

A man who won the Nobel Peace Prize for helping poor entrepreneurs around the world says he'd love to take his microfinancing ideas to Canada.

"We'd be delighted to do that if we're invited to do it," Muhammad Yunus said of establishing one of his Grameen Bank branches in Canada.

The institution helps people with limited access to credit. Proponents say it could help struggling Canadians — including newcomers and members of aboriginal communities.

His first branch, founded in Bangladesh in 1983, now boasts 8.3 million members. It has provided $9.7 billion in microloans, primarily to women, for businesses ranging from furniture-making to farming. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RIM bends to India's security demands

Not just RIM

India is asking all companies that provide encrypted communications to install servers in the country to make it easier to obtain users' data.

- That would likely affect Gmail provider Google Inc. and Internet phone company Skype SA.

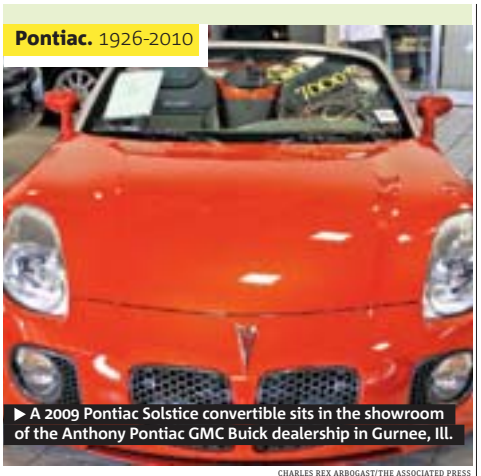
India has followed the United Arab Emirates in backing off from a threat to ban popular services on BlackBerry devices, amid growing global concern over access to encrypted information.

The Ministry of Home Affairs said Friday that Research in Motion Ltd., the Canadian maker of the smartphones, has agreed to an interim arrangement for lawful interception of BlackBerry Messenger services and pledged to provide a final solution by the end of January.

Citing national security concerns, India had threatened to ban corporate email and messenger services by August if RIM didn't come up with a way for the government to monitor them. It then extended the deadline to October. It remains unclear what solution the parties may have reached.

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Pontiac. 1926-2010



▶ A 2009 Pontiac Solstice convertible sits in the showroom of the Anthony Pontiac GMC Buick dealership in Gurnee, Ill.

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GM sings Pontiac blues

Pontiac, whose muscle cars drag-raced down boulevards and roared across movie screens, is going out of business. The 84-year-old brand, moribund since General Motors decided to kill it last year as it collapsed into bankruptcy, had been in decline for years.

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Remember that Cole Harbour kid who had so many complex emotional issues and acronym-saturated syndromes the province's community services department decided the only possible solution was to put him in a residential care facility where he could be helped 24 hours a day on a long-term, continuing basis?

And remember there wasn't such an institution in Nova Scotia. So two years ago community services shipped him off to Bayfield in Ontario.

Recall that his grandparents — who'd raised him since he was a toddler and initially asked community services for help — objected to sending him so far from home.

They — horrors — complained to the press and even went to court to force the government to bring him back.

They lost that battle but ... well, one bit of sour publicity led to another. There were questions about the efficacy of Bayfield's treatment approach, and allegations the boy may have been abused.

This summer Bayfield washed its hands of the boy and shipped him back to Nova Scotia.

In late September, community services dumped him back on his grandparents with nothing more than a skimpy, page-and-a-half "Service Plan" — part-time/sometime help from a school liaison/tutor, family therapist and alternative youth worker — and good riddance.

"It's difficult not to see his treatment as vindictive payback by miffed community services officials."

But remember. It was community services that initially claimed he had so many issues and syndromes he needed 24 hour continuing care and supervision.

Remember, too, this boy is still only 15.

It's difficult not to see his treatment as vindictive payback by miffed community services officials who don't like having their authority questioned.

Today, the grandparents report the boy's behaviour is no better and, arguably, worse now than when community services took him two years ago.

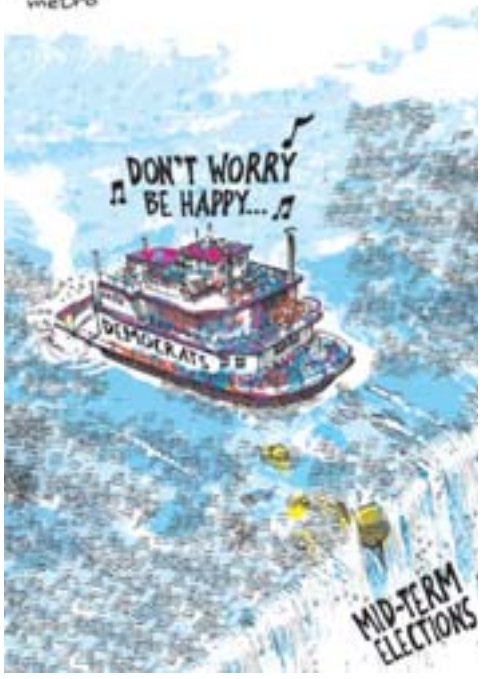
They're going back to court to force the department to implement an alternative, community-based, intensive care program developed by Moncton psychologist Dr. Charles Emmyrs and other professionals.

But the earliest family court date they can get is Dec. 22.

Community Services Minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse should be embarrassed. And the opposition should be demanding answers — not to mention a public inquiry into whatever happened to what is supposed to be the bedrock of our child welfare legislation: "the best interests of the child."

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Discoverer of insulin

Worth mentioning

A life-saving discovery

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE PHOTO



Sir Frederick Banting awoke early on Oct. 31, 1920 with an idea that some call the most important medical discovery of the 20th century — insulin. His discovery would eventually lift a death sentence for millions of people around the globe who suffered from diabetes.

A three-metre-high sculpture by local artist Daniel Castillo was to be unveiled yesterday at Banting's London, Ont., home to mark the milestone's 90th anniversary.

The doctor had prepared a lecture on diabetes that he was to give on Nov. 1. Trying to read himself to sleep the night of Oct. 30, he perused an article about the pancreas.

In his own words, he said, "The lecture I prepared and the article I read had chased each other in my mind. At 2 a.m. they came together. I got up. I wrote it down."

Banting teamed up with Prof. John James Rickard Macleod, Charles Best and Dr. James Bertram Collip at the University of Toronto. Early experiments were on dogs in 1921. The first successful insulin test on a human came in 1922.

At age 32, Banting became the first Canadian — and youngest person — to win the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

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Metro Minute at Neptune Theatre

A trip to Neptune Theatre is a must over the next two weeks as a new edge-of-the-ledge play about a man trying to decide whether life is worth living will be on stage.

Titled 7 Stories, the playwright by Alberta's Morris Panych's award-winning work tells seven stories from a window ledge located seven storeys above ground.

The main character — titled only as Man — hears from neighbours as he contemplates whether to jump or take the stairs to get down.

The play runs until Nov. 14. Visit neptunetheatre.com or phone 429-7070 for ticket information and showtimes.

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▶ Morris Panych's award-winning 7 Stories runs at the Neptune Theatre until Nov. 14.

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Saw returns



Psychokiller Jigsaw has come back to life at the box office.

Saw 3D, the seventh installment in the series about Jigsaw's legacy of bloody terror, debuted as the Halloween weekend's No. 1 movie with $24.2 million.

That was $10 million more than last year's Saw VI, the first dud in the annual horror franchise. But it still was a modest return compared to earlier chapters in the Saw series, whose previous sequels all had topped $30 million over opening weekend.

The Saw 3D debut also was soft compared to the previous weekend's No. 1 movie, Paranormal Activity 2, a newer fright franchise that opened with $40.7 million. Paranormal Activity 2 slipped to No. 2 this weekend, raising its total to $65.7 million.

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Paul Reubens, aka Pee-wee Herman, is making a comeback on Broadway.

The twist on celebrity twins

Twist TV's Raising Sextuplets follows the lives of Jenny and Bryan Masche and their brood of six. Multiple births have become "in" in Hollywood. Here's a look at the twin connection:



▶ Neil Patrick Harris: Twins

Kids were carried by surrogate mothers



▶ Sarah Jessica Parker: Twins

Attended the Emmy Awards in 2010

Starred on Broadway



▶ Jon and Kate Gosslin of Jon & Kate Plus Eight



▶ Celine Dion: Twins



▶ P. Diddy: Twins

Marriages ended in divorce

Grammy winner

Dated



▶ Raising Sextuplets: Wednesdays at 8 p.m. ET/ 9 p.m. PT beginning Nov. 2 on Twist TV

Raising Sextuplets dad, Bryan Masche, auditioned for American Idol/Jennifer Lopez is a judge on the show



▶ Jennifer Lopez: Twins

Lohan livid over Ronson rebound?

- Lindsay reportedly losing it over Samantha-Christina hook-up
- Troubled star remains in treatment at Betty Ford Clinic

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▶ Could Christina Aguilera, left, and Samantha Ronson, right, become Hollywood's newest power couple?

While stuck in the Betty Ford Clinic, Lindsay Lohan is reportedly furious about Samantha Ronson new alleged relationship with singer and actress Christina Aguilera, according to In Touch.

"It's driving Lindsay crazy," a source says. "Sam's sister Charlotte can't stand Lindsay. Lindsay keeps saying, 'I know they all set her up with Christina to get back at me.'" METRO

Talking points

Renner Cruise-crazy: Source

STAR STRUCK. Sources tell the National Enquirer that Tom Cruise's new Mission: Impossible co-star, Jeremy Renner, may be getting a little too close for comfort.

"Jeremy is always gushing about how charming and handsome Tom is. He even says things like, 'When I grow up, I want to be just like Tom Cruise,'" a source says of Renner's on-set behaviour. METRO

Sweets spook Wahlberg

SHUNNING SUGAR. Halloween is a healthy holiday in Mark Wahlberg's house, as sources say he and wife Rhea Durham were spotted shooing their young kids away from barrels of candy at an L.A. Halloween fair over the weekend, according to Page Six. METRO

Celebrity tweets



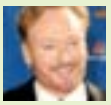
Paris Hilton [@Paris Hilton] Just went into The Haunted House at The Playboy Mansion. So scary and fun!!!



Kanye West [@kanye west] Halloween is the most creative fashion day of the year. quote from Chris Julian.



Ben Stiller [@Red HourBen] As a child I never thought I would be sending computer messages to 100s of thousands of people about family activities.



Conan O'Brien [@Conan OBrien] This Halloween, I've hired Larry King to sit in a rocking chair on my front porch. METRO

Celine's sons names announced

Celine Dion has announced the names of her new twin boys, born last week. The babies are named Eddie and Nelson, after a music producer friend and Nelson Mandela, her rep told People magazine.

"Celine and (her husband) want their children to be inspired by their names," the rep says. METRO



▶ Celine Dion

Mel Gibson shells $9.6 M out of 'bare pockets' for church

Though he claims he's broke, Mel Gibson reportedly made a $9.6 million donation to the Malibu, Calif., church he helped found, according to Radar Online.

The donation boosts the worth of the Hope Family Church to about $60 million.

The tiny church has a congregation of about 100 people. METRO



▶ Mel Gibson



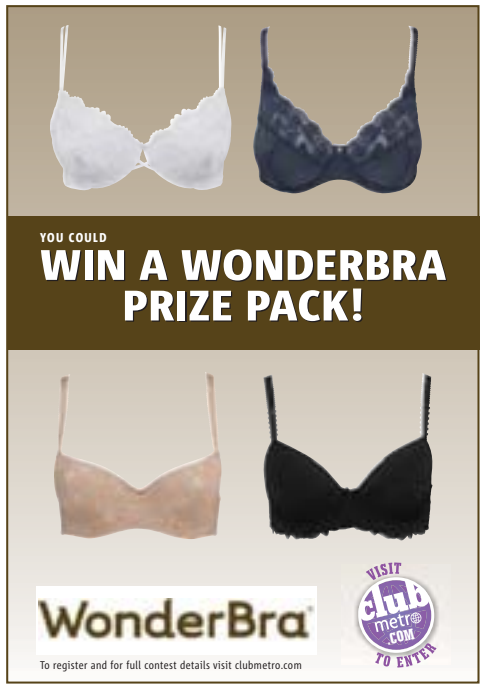
▶ Charlie Sheen

Sheen's wild-night-woes

Capri Anderson — the woman in Charlie Sheen's New York hotel room during the binge that reportedly sent him to the hospital last week — is planning on suing the Two and a Half Men star over the incident, according to TMZ.

Sources say Anderson felt that her life was in danger because of Sheen's crazed behaviour, though police say they have no plans to file charges against him. METRO





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▶ What's worse for a teenage brain: Six hours of texts and Facebook or six hours of mindless reruns?

Texting or television, a screen is a screen

In a world where watching TV as a family is so rare that it's verging into the realm of nostalgia, should parents urge their kids to unplug?

Let's face it: Teenagers spend hours texting, socializing on Facebook and playing video games. And it's driving their parents nuts.

Sure, there are real dangers associated with all this screen time — everything from cyberbullying to couch-potato obesity. Not to mention driving while texting, shortened attention spans and Internet porn.

But many of today's parents spent hours as kids sitting in front of screens too — only they were TV screens.

Which raises an interesting question: Is Facebook really worse for teenagers' brains than the mindless reruns of Gilligan's Island that their parents consumed growing up?

Douglas Gentile, a child psychologist and associate professor at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, who studies the effects of media on children, says texting, Facebook and video games are not inherently bad. Nor are they inherently better or worse than watching TV, although they do pose different risks, such as cyberbullying.

But research has shown that the more time kids spend in front of screens — whether it's TV or instant-messaging — the worse their school performance. "That doesn't mean it's true for every kid, but it makes sense, that for every hour a kid is playing video games, it's an hour that they're not doing homework or reading or exploring or creating," he said.

Gentile calls this the "displacement hypothesis. If screen time is displacing doing their homework, that's bad. But if their homework is done, well, so what?"

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9,000 texts...

- Gentile, who admits that his own teenager crossed the "9,000 texts in one month barrier" last summer, acknowledged that parents are struggling to adjust to a world in which kids would rather look at words on a cellphone screen than have a conversation.
- "To the older generation, it's not their culture," he said. "There is a resistance to it."

Zines still make a scene

Yet all the while she was uploading vegan recipes and travel essays, an inner voice kept nagging. In going digital, she had abandoned a cherished outlet of personal self-expression: Making zines.

"(Blogging) didn't really work for me, I didn't get any enjoyment out of it, it didn't feel satisfying," the 29-year-old Vancouver woman said earlier this month, at an indoor zine fair devoted to self-published mini-magazines, poetry chapbooks and comics called Canzine West.

"It's not the same as having a real, small, colourful and crazy interactive piece of something that somebody made by hand for you."

A few years in, Heslop quit the blogosphere and returned to the thrill she first found at age 16. Sporting spiky platinum hair, the UBC medical student was hawking her zine, the sun shines on it twice, for $2 at the fair.

"When people just pick up your stuff and start flipping through it, that's actually the fun part."

Zines (pronounced "zeen") come in all shapes and sizes, often feature a cut 'n' paste or photocopied esthetic and are made by a single creator or group of collaborators. They usually cost less than five bucks a pop, meant solely to cover the cost of materials.

They might be available from a friend, independent bookstore, one of several zine libraries across the country or the annual Canzine fair in Toronto and Vancouver.

Despite today's ubiquitous ease of unloading one's mind-space onto the Internet, zinesters assert their craft is not dead. But it has been changed.

"You see a lot more art zines — it's people playing with the print medium in a different way," said Tracy Stefanucci, OCW magazine founder.

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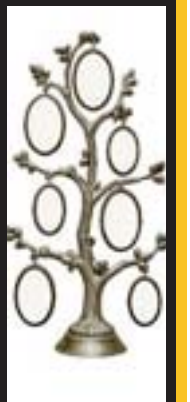
Slow decline

- In recent years, Hal Niedzviecki — who in zines' heyday in 1995 founded the Canadian magazine Broken Pencil, which reviews zines, underground culture and hosts Canzine — has witnessed a cooling of zinester cachet, from the time when an eye-popping periodical could lead to a book deal. Broken Pencil has seen a decline in zine submissions as well.

Your genes

What's in your name?

Today is your last day to search Ancestry.ca for free for French family history records. To mark All Saints Day weekend, the website is offering the majority of its historic records from France — roughly 50 million names — for free. The genealogical website also launched a new collection of documents featuring land grant information in Quebec. More than seven million Canadians claim a French heritage. METRO





The grocery game is undergoing some big changes as retailers deal with an aging population, growing immigration and how to best use the internet to attract consumers. Scan code for news

Get cooking for Diwali

Next time you have a hankering for Indian food, don't think takeout ◗ Think ahead

LARRY CROWE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



▶ Spiced cauliflower and potatoes.

That's the message from Anupy Singla, author of The Indian Slow Cooker, who is on a mission to correct misperceptions about Indian food — that it's heavy; that you have to buy 100 spices to make anything; that it's hot; that it's labour intensive.

And to help her get out the message of ease, she enlisted that most ubiquitous of American kitchen tools, the slow cooker.

"It's a very traditional way of Indian cooking, where things are breaking down over hours and hours," says Singla, who came to the U.S. from India's Punjab region when she was three. She says slow cookers actually have much in common with the old clay ovens found in Indian villages. "You get that taste and that feeling with the slow cooker."

And with Nov. 5 marking the start of Diwali — the Indian festival of lights — it's a great time to test her theory. Because with a focus on presents, visiting friends and family, giving thanks for good fortune and eating (a lot) it's easy to see the appeal of Diwali for anyone.

Here are some tips from Singla to get you started.

Spice it up

Just seven basic spices will get you started: Red chili powder, ground coriander, black mustard seeds, turmeric powder, black salt (kala namak), garam masala and cumin seeds. These form the foundation of North Indian cooking, and can be found in most grocers.

Fear not the hot

Made at home, Indian food is only as spicy as you want it to be. "There's a misconception that Indian food has to be hot, but it's more flavourful than anything else," Singla says.

Dump and go

Which means dust off that slow cooker you got as a wedding gift. The slow cooker brings out the flavour in lentils, curries and other Indian dishes, and does it while you're at work. "Once you do the preparation by purchasing the spices, it's dump and go," Singla says.

For Diwali, which is a meatless holiday for many Indians, Singla suggests starting with rajmah (curried kidney beans), rase wale aloo (spicy potatoes in broth) or spiced cauliflower and potatoes. "There's no standard menu for Diwali, but those hit upon the most popular recipes from the north," Singla says. "And you have to have a dessert because Diwali is all about the sweets."

For that, she suggests kheer, a cardamom-scented rice pudding studded with raisins. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Don't worry

- Remember that in a country where many people cook over a single gas burner, home-style food was designed to be simple. "Indian food is supposed to be very easy," Anupy Singla, author of The Indian Slow Cooker, says.

Slow-cooked sweet potato, carrot soup

Sweet potatoes and carrots team up in this luscious curried soup that can be cooked for 7 to 8 hours in a slow cooker for an instant weeknight supper.

Curried Slow Cooker Soup

Ingredients :

- 2 medium-large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-cm (3/4-inch) dice (about 1.25 l/5 cups)
- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped carrots
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) curry powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt, or to taste
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) black pepper, or to taste
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground ginger
- 1 l (4 cups) chicken broth
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) maple syrup
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) half-and-half cream
- Candied ginger, for garnish (optional)

Preparation:

1. In a 5-l slow cooker, place sweet potatoes, carrots, onion, curry powder, salt, pepper, cinnamon and ginger. Add chicken broth. Stir well to combine. Cover; cook on low for 7 to 8 hours.
2. Puree soup, 250 ml (1 cup) at a time, in a blender or use an immersion blender. Return soup to slow cooker. Add maple syrup and cream. Add salt and pepper, if desired. Cover; cook on high for 15 minutes to reheat.
3. Serve in bowls and garnish with strips or pieces of candied ginger, if desired. Makes 8 servings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



▶ Curried sweet potato soup.



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If you think preparing food for a room full of customers is hard, trying doing it for hundreds of airborne "rooms" of people you've never even met, with all the food cooked the day before. That's the challenge airline caterers face every day and it's one Peter Ho, Cathay Pacific's regional catering manager for North America, has spent decades mastering.

"Airline catering creates many challenges a regular restaurant environment doesn't have to deal with. You have to work with airline schedules, temperature has to be carefully controlled and safety and quality standards have to be higher than at a hotel," Ho said.

While all food preparation requires skill and dedication, airline catering throws a series of logistic wrenches into the equation which complicate the process. An average food cycle sees a plate of airline food cooked and flash-frozen roughly 24 hours before it's scheduled to be reheated on a flight and eaten. Care has to be taken in transport to ensure the food stays safe — and tasty — to eat. Special food requests need to be dealt with well in advance and last-minute flight delays can throw the entire production process into a loop.

Did you know?

- **Cathay Pacific's** Hong Kong catering kitchen is the size of nine football fields and produces 80,000 meals every day.

Consistency is also crucial, right down to the size and shape of a piece of meat or a portion of mashed potatoes. While in a normal restaurant people might order completely different dishes, on a flight no one wants to sit next to someone who opens up their meal to find a much nicer-looking cut of the same meat as you. Menus need to change regularly so that frequent fliers on the same flight path feel they're getting something new as often as possible.

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▶ High schools are shown the finer points of cleanliness and food preparation in airline catering.

"Consistency and standards are extremely important so airline kitchens have a lot of logistics going into them. Passenger requests change all the time and we keep on changing with them, we have to be innovative all the time," Ho said. The secret to good food is good chefs and airline chefs need to be just as passionate as those in other industries, but with a healthy dose of flexibility due to the constantly changing nature of work schedules and menus.

"Good chefs will have a good culinary background and must have passion for their jobs. They also need to follow strict specifications and be flexible and prepared all the time. You need P.D.C — passion, dedication and commitment," Ho said.

ALBERTA FARM BOY BLAZES BIOFUEL PATH



"I was born in the middle of nowhere and always wore rubber boots to do chores." Evan Chrapko is on the phone from Beijing, China where he's working on a huge biofuel deal.

He's a long way from the Two Hills farm in northeastern Alberta where he grew up, the son of a farmer who always told him to dream big.

Chrapko is a chartered accountant and holds a law degree from an Ivy League school in New York. He ended up in Toronto after graduating and linked up with a software company. For two years Evan and his brother Shane lived on Kraft dinner and the vegetables they grew in their backyard until their hard work and sacrifice paid off. After turning down several lucrative offers they finally sold DocSpace, a Web-based file delivery and storage company for $811 million.

Chrapko currently runs six companies and is now blazing a trail through China, India and Pakistan selling technology that will convert biowaste into clean energy. As Chrapko looks back on his success he seems philosophical. "Success has a thousand fathers. Be grounded and centred in your own self worth and don't let anyone tell you it can't be done. Persistence and perseverance are the keys to achieving success."

As Chrapko says goodbye from the airport in Beijing you can tell he's proud of his values and his solid Alberta farm roots. Besides, this is one multi-millionaire who knows once he's done with the executive board rooms around the world he'll be expected back home. His old rubber work boots are waiting.

the numbers

130,000 small businesses are created in Canada each year.

- **After one year.** 96 per cent are still in business.
- **After three years,** 85 per cent are still running.
- **After five years,** 70 per cent are still successful.

Chrapko's Advice

- Persist. "Or else."
- Profit is not a dirty word, especially if it doesn't stand alone (People, Planet, Profit)
- Farming is the best training for business.
- It's about marshaling resources toward a vision. It's about working hard & smart on all aspects to over-compensate for aspects you can't control.
- Leave the world better than you found it.
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Education out of reach?

University enrolment is up, but student leaders decry skyrocketing tuition More funding sought

Rising enrolment rates at Canadian universities were hailed last week as a future boon to the Canadian economy, but student advocates warned skyrocketing tuition is putting post-secondary education out of reach for many students.

Overall university enrolment increased 3.7 per cent over last year and 57 per cent from 1995, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada reported. There were 898,000 full-time university students registered this fall.

That's good news for the economy, because university graduates represent about a quarter of the working population but are about 40 per cent of the tax base, said association president Paul Davidson.

"To be able to afford the quality of life, the standard of living, the quality of public services that we have in Canada, requires these kind of high-quality jobs that university graduates are getting," Davidson said.

The rise in undergraduate students ranged from 0.7 per cent in Newfoundland and Labrador to 4.5 per cent in British Columbia. The hike in graduate students varied from 1 per cent in Manitoba to 17.6 per cent in Prince Edward Island, the report found.



▶ University graduates increase Canada's productivity and innovation. They also make more money.

University graduates increase Canada's productivity and innovation, said Davidson. They also make more money.

They're also more likely to get jobs in an economy that's transitioning from being resource based to knowledge based.

Over the last 20 years, about 87 per cent of the new professional and management positions created were filled by university graduates while jobs for high school graduates disappeared, the report said.

University graduates also emerged from the recent recession in a better position.

From September 2008 until September 2010, there were 280,000 net new jobs for university graduates while almost the same number of jobs — 260,000 — for workers without a degree evaporated.

The enrolment figures were discussed as Davidson and 40 university presidents met Thursday with almost 20 MPs, cabinet ministers and other senior officials on Parliament Hill as part of their annual conference.

Davidson gave the government high marks for the "biggest single capital investment in a generation" in post-secondary infrastructure through the federal stimulus program. His association will seek continued government investment for research as it submits its pre-budget wish list to the Commons Finance Committee next week.

His call for more funding was echoed by The Canadian Federation of Students.

Seven in 10 new jobs require a post-secondary education but for some students that's tough to afford, said the chairwoman of the federation's Ontario division.

Annual tuition fees vary widely, from about $2,500 in Newfoundland and Labrador to Ontario, where they're highest at an average of $6,300, said Sandy Hudson.

The cost forces some students to drop out. Others are left with staggering debt.

"I'm $35,000 in debt and I just finished my post-secondary education, my undergraduate degree, in June," said Hudson.

Hudson said she'd need to go to graduate school to make use of her sociology and political science degree, but might not be able to afford that.

More than 39,000 people have signed the federation's petition calling on the federal government to create a national post-secondary education act and restore funding for post-secondary education to 1992 levels.

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"Over a lifetime you can expect to earn $1.5 million more if you have a university degree than if you just finished high school."
PAUL DAVIDSON

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Healing plant power

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▶ Farmers pick marigold flowers at a marigold farm in China.

Plants have supplied us with remedies for as long as humans have walked the earth.

The knowledge of herbs and flowers and their medicinal properties was once the preserve of wise old women, and has, in later centuries, been taken up by doctors and scientists.

Many of the most common and important drugs used in Western medicine come from medicinal plants and millions of people around the world rely on them as their primary remedies and sources of income. At least 70,000 plants are believed to be medicinal, and many are still undiscovered. Ethnobotanists search tirelessly for new cures worldwide.

Botanic gardens have been involved in the collection and study of medicinal plants for more than 500 years.

Nowadays they also play an invaluable role in teaching nature-illiterate city dwellers how to tell plants apart and opening the door to the fascinating history and modern application of medicinal plants.

One such botanic garden is Chelsea Physic Garden, well hidden behind a wall in well-off western London, England.

It is the city's oldest surviving botanic garden and a living and growing museum.

The first medicinal plants were brought here when the garden was founded in 1673 by the Society of Apothecaries of London. The study and collection of medicinal plants has continued ever since. In 1983 they opened their gates to the public and now the charity offers tours of their pharmaceutical beds and the Garden of World Medicine.

"We never tell people to use a plant to treat an ailment. We only say it has been or is being used to do so," said the gardens curator, Rosie Atkins.

Using medicinal plants requires knowledge, what is beneficial in small amounts may be dangerous and even deadly if you ingest too much. Interest in herbal medicine is growing and medical plants are clearly important for the future.

"Look at Avian flu. Star anise was used to create Tamiflu," said Rosie.

So, next time you have an Aspirin remember you've got Meadowsweet (Spiraea Ulmaria) to thank for getting rid of your headache.

Name game

- If a plant's Latin name includes officinalis it means it has been used in the practise of medicine. For example: Mandragora officinarum (Mandrake), Melilotus Officinalis (Yellow Sweet Clover) and Sacchrum Officinarum (sugar cane).

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PULLING BACK THE CURTAIN

I recently saw you on TV talking about toxins in personal care products. Was Vaseline included in your list of products to avoid?
Susan from Vancouver, BC

The David Suzuki Foundation compiled the results of our survey of the toxic ingredients found in the cosmetics of Canadians. We asked people to pull back the shower curtain and look for the Dirty Dozen lurking in their soaps and shampoos.

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Smith 'not happy' with Clarke

Bobby Smith was cryptic yesterday when asked about the status of embattled defenceman Garrett Clarke.

The Halifax Mooseheads majority owner/head coach made the 18-year-old defenceman a healthy scratch on Saturday against the Moncton Wildcats, a day after benching him for two periods against the P.E.I. Rocket for taking an undisciplined penalty.

"We'll address that this week because we're obviously not happy with the penalties he's taking," Smith said.

Clarke, a former first-round pick who has no shortage of natural talent, is a physical blue-liner who leads the league in penalty minutes.

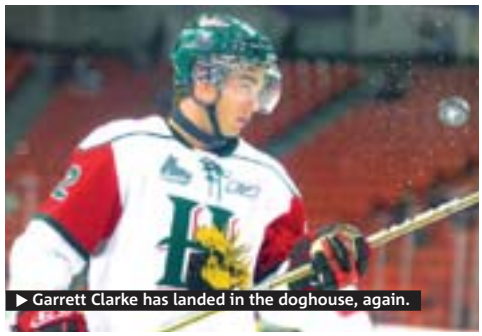
But he was benched on numerous occasions by former head coach Cam Russell for taking costly penalties, and it took him just five games to land in Smith's doghouse.

When asked if there is a possibility Clarke will no longer be with the team, Smith would only say, "I don't want to elaborate."

Clarke, who often mans the point on the Mooseheads' top power-play unit, has a goal, five assists, 53 penalty minutes and a minus-9 rating in 18 games this season.

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▶ Garrett Clarke has landed in the doghouse, again.

Moose vets just what the doctor ordered

Veteran trio earn praise from head coach following weekend win



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The Halifax Mooseheads got exactly what they needed out of their struggling veterans on the weekend.

The Mooseheads' seniormost forwards, Charles Bety, Gerrad Grant and Travis Randell, put forth solid efforts in a weekend road split and powered their way to four goals on Saturday in a slump-busting 5-2 victory over the Moncton Wildcats.

The trio admittedly had a hard time adjusting to majority-owner-turned-head-coach Bobby Smith and had no points and a minus-15 rating during a four-game losing streak.

"We sat down with them before we went on the road and told them what we felt was their importance to our team," Smith said.

"It was a really important win, especially against such a good team. We had some shaky games during the losing streak."
MOOSEHEAD COACH/MAJORITY OWNER BOBBY SMITH.

"Those guys scored four goals, were good in the entire game, good in the dressing room … Their contribution was extremely good."

Smith was also happy with the veterans — and his entire team — in Friday's 3-0 loss to the P.E.I. Rocket.

The Mooseheads, 6-13-1, are tied for last in the Maritime Division. They play their next six games at the Metro Centre starting Friday.

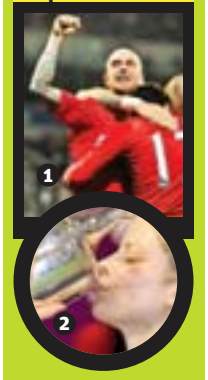
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▶ Mooseheads over-age forward Charles Bety scored twice and was the first star in Saturday's win.

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Sports in brief



1 Liverpool climbed out of the relegation zone thanks to Maxi Rodriguez's late winner against Bolton.

2 Kim Clijsters defeated top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 to win the WTA Championships.
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Chiefs 13, Bills 10 (OT)
Ryan Succop kicked a 34-yard field goal as time expired in overtime to lift the Kansas City Chiefs to a victory over the winless Buffalo Bills yesterday.

The Bills (0-7), who lost in overtime to Baltimore the week before, are off to the third-worst start in franchise history.

Buffalo will play its next game Nov. 7 against Chicago at Rogers Centre in Toronto.

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Jaguars 35, Cowboys 17
David Garrard tied a club record with four touchdown passes and ran for another in leading the Jacksonville Jaguars to a victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

The Cowboys (1-5) continued their worst start since 1989. The disturbing part for Dallas is that this one wasn't even close; all previous losses were by a touchdown or less.

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Lions 37, Redskins 25
Matthew Stafford's fourth touchdown pass converted a fourth down with 3:12 left and the Detroit Lions scored nine points in 14 seconds to turn a closely contested game into a win over the Washington Redskins.

Stafford played for the first time since Week 1 when he separated his right shoulder on a sack.

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A bad day for Brett Favre

Vikings quarterback leaves game with injury, while his team falls to 2-5 Moss has just one catch in his return to New England

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▶ Brett Favre rubs his eyes after being hit by New England Patriots linebacker Gary Guyton yesterday.

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PATRIOTS	VIKINGS

Tom Brady connected with Brandon Tate for a 65-yard touchdown on a broken play to give the New England Patriots a 28-18 victory over the Minnesota Vikings yesterday, knocking Brett Favre out of the game in the process.

"I hope Favre's OK," Brady said.

Favre left in the fourth quarter after being slammed to the turf; the team said he had a cut in his chin that needed 10 stitches. Backup Tarvaris Jackson threw for a touchdown on his first play and a two-point conversion on his second, but he didn't get the ball back until the two-minute warning had sounded and the Vikings trailed by 10.

BenJarvus Green-Ellis had two touchdowns, scoring his first on a 13-yard run to make it 21-10. Favre then drove Minnesota (2-5) to the New England three-yard line before he was flattened by defensive lineman Myron Pryor.

Jackson relieved him and threw a one-yard touchdown pass to Naufahu Tahi on the first play, then hit Percy Harvin for the two-point conversion that made it 21-18. But Brady engineered a 13-play, 80-yard drive, with Green-Ellis getting cartwheeled into the end zone to make it 28-18 with just 1:56 left.

Brady completed 16-of-27 passes for 240 yards and Green-Ellis ran 17 times for 112 yards to give the Patriots (6-1) their fifth straight victory.

Favre was 22 for 32 for 259 yards, throwing an interception on a tipped ball and taking two intentional grounding penalties when he tried to avoid sacks. Adrian Peterson carried 25 times for 92 yards, and Harvin caught six passes for 104 yards for the Vikings despite missing about a quarter with an ankle injury.

Former Patriot Randy Moss had just one catch for eight yards in his first trip back to Foxborough since he talked himself out of town on Oct. 6.

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Westwood is golf's new No. 1

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The rank Lee Westwood fell to on May 25, 2003, when he was at the low point of a slump. The 37-year-old gradually began to work his way back toward the top.

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▶ Lee Westwood

For the first time in more than five years, Tiger Woods is no longer golf's No. 1 player.

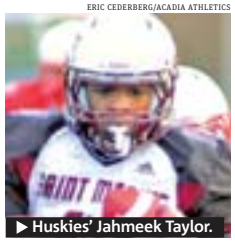
Lee Westwood of England took the top ranking yesterday after PGA champion Martin Kaymer failed to finish among the top two at the Andalucia Masters in Spain.

Westwood is the first European since Nick Faldo in 1994 to be No. 1, and the 13th player to be No. 1 since the ranking system began in 1986.

Woods had been No. 1 since the week before the 2005 U.S. Open. He won the British Open a month later and his ranking has rarely been threatened since.

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▶ Huskies' Jahmeek Taylor.

Huskies happy with playoff bye

What seemed improbable a month ago has become a reality for the Saint Mary's Huskies.

The Huskies reeled off their fifth straight win on Saturday, 21-0 over the Acadia Axemen in Wolfville, to clinch first place and a bye to the Atlantic University Sport football final in two weeks.

The team's 0-3 start that had many writing off the Huskies is all but forgotten.

"It's a good way to go out," said Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah.

"The big thing, and I've said it all along, is getting that bye. Getting that rest is huge."

Jahmeek Taylor finished with a loss of seven yards on punt returns and did not secure the 63 yards needed to set the AUS record in that department.

The Huskies, 5-3, await the winner of Saturday's semifinal between the Axemen (4-4) and Mount Allison Mounties (4-4) in Sackville, N.B.

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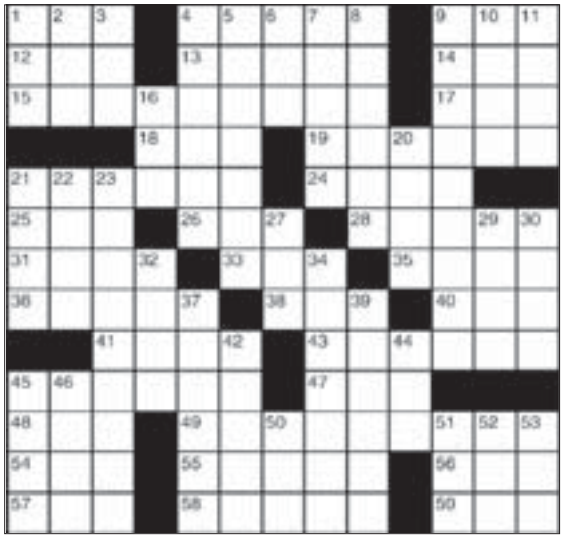
Dal heads to semifinals

SOCCER. The second-place Dalhousie Tigers, 10-1-2, have a bye to the semifinals in next weekend's Atlantic University Sport women's soccer championship at Wolfville. On the men's side, the second-place Saint Mary's Huskies, 8-2-2, earned a semifinal bye for the AUS tournament in Moncton.

Tigers best X-men in SO

HOCKEY. The Dalhousie Tigers (2-3) got back into the win column on the weekend with a 4-3 shootout victory over the St. Francis Xavier X-Men in Atlantic University Sport hockey action on Saturday. The Saint Mary's Huskies, 3-1, beat the Acadia Axemen 6-3. METRO

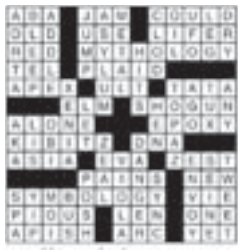
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1 Historic period
4 Argo skipper
9 Lingerie item
12 Cover
13 Greek marketplace
14 Conger or moray
15 They're caught
17 Solidify
18 Kimono sash
19 Become rigid and bonelike
21 "— down the hatches!"
24 Night light?
25 "— Town"
26 Upgrade from dial-up
28 Litters' little ones
31 Raw minerals
33 Young fellow
35 Father (Fr.)
36 Civil rights org.
38 Kitten's remark
40 Scoot
41 Takes to court
43 Hound variety
45 Female graduate
47 Cleopatra's snake
48 In favor of
49 They're bought
54 Fish eggs
55 Point of view
56 Actor Vigoda
57 Chances, for short
58 Eye surgery device
59 Keglers' org.

Down
1 Sprite
2 Brazilian city, familiarly
3 Commotion
4 Poked
5 Opposed to
6 Scale member
7 Synthetic fiber
8 Egypt's president, 1956-70
9 They're taught
10 Coral structure
11 Companion
16 Youngster
20 First course, maybe
21 Benefit
22 Emanation
23 They're sought
27 Felon's flight
29 Verifiable
30 Transmitted
32 Pond gunk
34 Fiasco
37 Foreign correspondent?
39 Laundromat machine
42 Hot box?
44 Locale for 42-Down
45 Roundish hairdo
46 Aerobatic maneuver
50 Some teammates of QBs
51 Potential syrup
52 Recede
53 Vast expanse

▶ Yesterday's answer



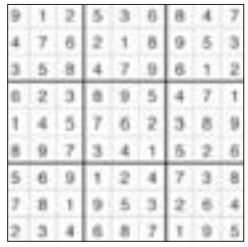
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Yesterday's answer ▶



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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You may be assertive by nature but the current cosmic climate urges you to look for ways to get on with people, not ways to beat them

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Something unexpected will occur today, something that makes you realize how fragile our world can be. The good news is that while others are panicking left, right and center you will keep your head and do the right thing.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You will find it easy to make changes today but you won't find it so easy to change back again later, so get it right or leave well alone.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 There are more than enough good things to go around, so don't approach each and every situation as if it is some kind of contest.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If something of a minor nature goes wrong today don't overreact and make a big deal of it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Something fortunate will happen today but you may not realize just how beneficial it is until later in the week. Travel and social activities are especially well starred now, so get out and about and make new friends.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It's not enough just to have a good idea, you have also got to be motivated enough to turn that idea into reality. Are you?

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Do you sit back and watch the world go by or do you get up and get involved? Today's Venus-Pluto link may make you somewhat lethargic but that's okay because later in the week you will come to life again

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Don't be too eager to apologize if you have to shove someone out of the way today – it's their fault for moving so slowly and meandering all over the place.

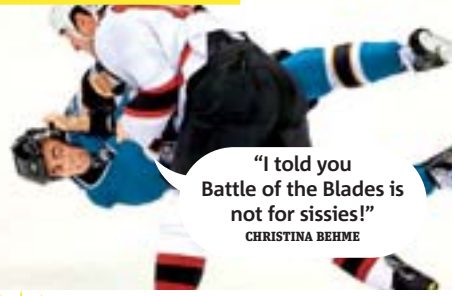
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will have to deal with someone today who, to put it politely, is a little slow-witted. It may be a pain having to spell everything out in words of two syllables but make the effort.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Someone is trying to sow seeds of doubt in your mind and if they succeed your dream will never come true.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 It might be wise not to draw attention to yourself today because there are things you will be doing that work best if you haven't got people looking over your shoulder the whole time. SALLY BROMPTON

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